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Psychologist, Gary Powers Plan to Wed

Francis Gary Powers, the recently divorced American U-2 pilot who spent nearly two years in a Russian prison, obtained a license yesterday in Arlington to marry a former CIA psychologist.

Powers, 34, indicated on the license that he and Claudia Edwards Downey, 28, a divorcee, would be married today in Fauquier County, Va., at Catlett, home of Mrs. Downey's brother, O. D. Edwards Jr.

The high-flying spy plane Powers piloted on a CIA surveillance mission over the Soviet Union was knocked from the sky by rocket fire on May 1, 1960. He was tried, sentenced to 10 years, then returned to the United States after 21 months in exchange for Col. Rudolf I. Abel, a convicted Russian spy.

Shortly after his return, he resigned from the CIA and months after that sued his wife, Barbara, for divorce on grounds of cruelty and habitual intoxication. She countersued and the divorce was granted Jan. 16, with Mrs. Powers receiving a \$5000 settlement and lawyers' fees.

Mrs. Downey, the former Claudia Taylor Edwards, is a native of Leesburg, Va., and the mother of a 7-year-old daughter, Claudia Dec. She resigned last week from the CIA and left her Arlington home at 852 S. Frederick st. for Catlett.

Powers, who has no children, listed his occupation on the license as a test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Co. in Burbank, Calif.